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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ZRKNICK Operation (Non CS Material)

Job #	75-752 (Box #4)
File #	200-5-38
Volumes:	6
Dates:	1961 - Feb 65

1. Description:

Investigation of Cuban espionage net in Miami, Fla., by FBI who shared take with CIA. CIA corresponded with field stations re same. Was international in scope.

2. Findings: (See attached)

Roberto-Themla King folders. Panama connection. Thelma King was a Panamanian left-wing politician, pro-Castro Deputy to the National Assembly. Was personal field of Fidel CASTRO. She was recruited by Fidel in August 1962 to perform espionage mission in Panama. Trained in SW, commo, etc. She was reportedly head of the Cuban-directed commo network in Panama.

HZPA 13,960 dated 3 Dec 63:

Dispatch from Panama City to Hqs. re 22 Nov 63
Jake Esterline/King meeting and her comments re Kennedy and Castro.

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Researcher: JZ

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2. Findings: (see attached)a. PACY 1073 (IN 48464) 26 Oct 63: Vol. III

Cable from Panama City to Hqs. Jake Esterline and Station CI group dissatisfied with unresolved aspects of HYSAGE (Thelma KING) ops.

b. MEXI 6969 (IN 64256) 19 Nov 63: Vol. III

From Mexico City to Hqs. re involvement of Francisco "Paco" AMADO with Guatemala guerrillas.

c. DIRECTOR 84449 dated 21 Nov 63: Vol. III

From Hqs. to WAVE. re sensitive information that Cuban Intelligence was targetting against person employed in State Dept office in Miami.

d. DIRECTOR 84791 22 Nov 63: Vol. III

From Hqs. to Panama City. Re fact HYSAGE-2 much affected by death of President.

e. DIRECTOR 86343, 27 Nov 63: Vol. III

From Hqs. to WAVE and Panama City. Hqs. suspects Blanca Alicia FRANCO may be spearhead of penetration AMOT/CIA ops on behalf of ZRKNICK complex.

f. HDCA 3405, 29 Nov 63: Vol. III

Dispatch from Santo Domingo to Hqs., concerning one Eduardo TAVARES Justo.

g. HMMA 22632, 18 Dec 63: Vol. III

Dispatch from Mexico City to Hqs. re Francisco AMADO and visits from emissaries of Fidel CASTRO. Reported to have CASTRO's confidence and perform services for the Communists.

h. DIRECTOR 90507, 20 Dec 63: Vol. III

From Hqs. to Panama City and Bern. Someone may have used HYSAGE-1's ticket.

i. DBA 57414, 21 Nov 63: Vol. IV

Re Manolo GARCIA who had driver's license in name of Manolo RODRIGUEZ who may be iden/with Cuban DSE officer in 64 allegedly responsible for recruiting Emilio ECHARTE Pedroso to enter U.S. to assassinate Cuban exile, Manolo RAY.

j. UFGW-3350, 25 Feb 64: Vol. V

From Hqs. to JMWAVE. re list of names and addresses on Cuban Intelligence Service Censorshio Lists.

k. PACY 4074 (IN 30576) 17 July 64: Vol. VII

From Panama City to Hqs. Station will try hard to get additional answers and clarification from HYSAGE-1.

1. BOGO 4761 (IN 41774) 3 Aug 64: Vol. VII

From Bogota to Hqs. re pro-Castro group in
the Civil Aeronautics Admin.

m. HHTW 1721, 15 Oct 64: Vol. VIII

To Tegucigalpa from Hqs. When Pres. Kennedy
DGI officer directed officers in National Liberation Bldg.,
to prepare radio commo for transmission by Radio Havana.

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